

March 1, 2006

**FRANKFORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A public hearing was held at the Frankfort High School Media Center on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan (DFP) developed by the Frankfort Independent School District Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 10-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were nine (9) individuals in attendance. Dr. Judith Lucarelli, Superintendent, served as the locally appointed hearing officer. The school board chair, associate superintendent, six community members, and a reporter were present.

COMMENTS

Dr. Lucarelli called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan which includes: **2c Capital Construction Priorities including major renovation of Frankfort High School and the addition of 7 classrooms, a special education classroom, a science lecture lab, a computer lab, addition to the Media Center, a chorus room, a greenhouse, and a Family Resource/Youth Services Center; major renovation to the F.D. Wilkinson Gym on Ewing Street; major renovation to Wilkinson Street School and the addition of an art classroom, 2 regular classrooms, a serving kitchen, and a multi-purpose room; at Second Street School major renovation of those parts not renovated in 1988, building roof replacement, and the addition of a preschool classroom and three resource classrooms; and 2d providing fixed active boards and projectors in all classrooms. The plan also includes as priority 4 the construction of a central office facility, and discretionary renovations and additions at Second Street School, the F.D. Wilkinson Gym, and the field houses and bleachers at Sower Field.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Six people spoke, as follows:

1. Roger Stapleton, speaking on behalf of the Heritage Council and Architectural Review Board, would like further inclusion in the process to ensure no loss in the number of residential houses occurs in South Frankfort.
2. Norm Snyder, speaking on behalf of the Paul Sawyer Public Library, would like consideration of the facilities' use by adults, such as exercise in the gym.
3. Natalie Wilkerson would like consideration given to maintaining the green space created by the two houses demolished for the Frankfort High School addition.
4. Natalie Wilkerson, speaking a second time, asked that consideration be given to alternatives to surface parking at the gym on Ewing Street.
5. Mary Frank Slaughter asked that the board recognize in its facilities plan the strong points of the school being part of the community.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Frankfort Independent School District Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Frankfort Independent Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Frankfort Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

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